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WORDS OF BROTHERLY KINDNESS.
We invite our readers to a special perusal of the letter from Mayor Fountain, of Tarboro, elsewhere. We publish it with pleasure, for it shows the motives that actuated a good man to join the ranks of the People's Party, and it clearly indicates that many more good men will be actuated by similar motives while the party stands squarely and firmly by the principles that gave it birth and have nourished its phenomenal growth.

With the pleasure of presenting this letter there is a regret that Mr. Fountain could find good reason for expressing surprise at the attitude of any Populist on the much-talked-of question of "fusion" or co-operation with any other party. But reasons for that surprise do, unfortunately and to our sorrow, exist to some extent at least. The public utterances of some Populists seem to indicate that they are more concerned in the matter of holding down a small country office than in the matter of principle. With our exception, we believe, these are office-holders, though there are some who do not take this position.

We wish to warn these office-holding Populists who are clamoring for indiscriminate or goldbug "fusion," (thank the Lord there are only a few of them) that a storm is brewing for them, and if they are not careful they will be struck by it. The People's Party has not a derrier for hoisting people into office. The voters don't get the offices. They can only be beneficiaries of the operation of the principles advocated by the People's Party, and they are going to give more attention to those principles than to any individual who wants an office by any sort of vote.

We recognize the advisability and the necessity of having good Populists in all public offices, and we think those now in office are as capable and

acceptable as any others could be; but we believe we can tell them plainly, and with the approval of the people, that they may as well assume or have for its main object "office winning," will not be as much appreciated by the people whose votes they want, as some plan or scheme which would have for its main object a wider dissemination of and broader education on the principles which the People's Party advocates.

Populists, we cannot progress and win friends by sping the old parties, compromising and temporizing schemes and tactics caused a rebellion against the old parties that resulted in the organization of the People's Party. We can expect nothing but rebellion among the honest voters of our ranks if we prove no better than they. Therefore we beg the few of our party members who are advocating mixed and compromising fusion to stop and think a moment. Think of the opportunity you give our adversaries to assert that Populists are willing to make questionable deals—are willing to vote for goldbugs—are willing to sell principle for the hope of party victory.

If you have no respect for yourself do not be the means of making the straightforward members of your party attempt to apologize for your position and attitude. If you cannot stand for principle above every indication or promise of victory or office without principle, then for God's sake and for the sake of honesty get out of the People's Party and go back where you belong.

SOME MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

In addition to the questions about co-operation, published recently in THE CAUCASIAN, we have received the following:

QUESTION: If we co-operate with the Republicans this year, could we allow them to name the Governor if he is a good silver man?

ANSWER: This depends upon what you mean by "good silver man." A man who claims to be for free silver, yet who is ready to vote for a goldbug for President if his party nominates one is not a good silver man. Such a man is more dangerous to the liberty and prosperity of the people than an out and out goldbug. The seat of power in this government is in the White House. A President not only has the power of vetoing any bill passed by Congress, but he has, in addition, such tremendous patronage and other influence behind him that he can have a dangerous influence over Congress—he can, as has often been done, influence legislation directly against the interests of the people. Did not Cleveland, by the use of patronage, force the Democratic Congress that was pledged to free silver to repeal the only silver law on the statute books in 1893? The great Senator Vance could not even get a 4th class post-master appointed, because he was one of the few who would not bow down to the will and demands of a goldbug President. It is not every one who has the courage and manhood that Vance had. Governor Vance saw his mistake in voting for Cleveland when it was too late; and if he were living today he would be standing with THE CAUCASIAN and the People's Party for a common fight against the Cleveland, the McKinleys, the Allison, the Reeds, the Whitneys, and the Shermons.

In the light of the present condition of the country, the man who claims to be a friend of the people, yet who will vote for a gold man for President, is not only a hypocrite, but is, in fact, the best and most valuable agent that the goldbugs can have for deceiving the people and leading them to vote for their own ruin. The goldbug Charlotte Observer understands this, and this is why that paper says that it will support any silver man who will say that he will vote for the Democratic goldbug nominee for President; but, on the other hand, that it will fight any man who will not support that Democratic nominee. Every member of the People's Party and every patriot should not only stand against any goldbug nominee for the Presidency, but also against any other candidate who will support a goldbug for President. We all know that there will never be any better times, but that, on the other hand, everything will go from bad to worse, as long as the government continues to be run as the Democrats and Republicans have been running it. How can a man who believes that the gold standard is fatal to American liberty and prosperity justify himself in deliberately voting for a goldbug, unless he places the love of party above the love of country, and the love of party solely above the welfare of the toiling masses. The people have been trilled with, fooled and betrayed long enough. The People's Party will not stoop to the same game that the old parties have been playing. Therefore, we cannot support any candidate for Governor who will vote for a goldbug for President.

QUESTION: Can we risk the chances of a Democratic getting back into power in North Carolina this year? If we cannot do any better, had we not best accept the terms of the Republicans?

ANSWER: The letter containing the above question was written before its author had seen the issue of THE CAUCASIAN in which we answered the same question. We think that no one will question the soundness and correctness of the answer which we gave two weeks ago. But we will say further that the Republicans have just as much to fear from the Democrats getting back into power as we have. We have simply asked them to do what was fair, right and consistent. On the other hand their position, as we understand it, is utterly wrong and inconsistent. The People's Party has principles, and cannot descend to old party methods to the extent of betraying the interests of the people. We have asked the Republicans to join us in a common fight for the prosperity of the people and for the defeat of the goldbugs. So far they have not accepted this offer, but have, on the other hand, asked us to give up our principles and to join them in a common scramble for crumbs from the

goldbug pie counter. This we can never do. If they can take the chances of Democrats getting back into power, then we can stand if they can. But, on the other hand, if they will turn their backs upon the infamous British gold conspiracy and stand up with us for a fight for humanity and for good government, then co-operation is easy and just. If they will not, then how can we co-operate with them? They say that the election law and county government are vastly more important than national questions. If they are honest in this, then why do they threaten to break up co-operation and turn their backs on the election law and county government rather than to turn loose the Republican goldbug "tit"? We are disappointed in the position that the Republicans have apparently taken. The followers of Mammon cannot expect co-operation with those who are fighting the overshadowing evils of Shylock and his allies.

QUESTION: The People's Party have a very anxious to have a Populist for Governor; but inasmuch as we got the long-term Senatorship, had we not better concede to the Republicans the Governor if they insist upon it?

ANSWER: No. But to answer this question in full, we must give some facts which will make it appear that we are in a scramble for office. Now, the mere putting of men into office does nobody any good but office-holders. It does not bring the relief which the people demand and which inspired the organization of a new party. But for the purpose of stating some of the facts which will make it appear that we are in a scramble for office, we will consider the matter of office in connection with co-operation. The People's Party is not in debt to the Republican party, but, on the other hand, the Republicans are in debt to us. They got much more out of the last co-operative fight than Populists, including the long-term Senatorship. They not only got more offices than the Populists, but the salaries of the offices which they got amount to over one hundred thousand dollars more than the offices which we got. Let us see how the account stands. The People's Party got:

One United States Senator, six years.....	\$30,000 00
One United States Senator, two years.....	20,000 00
One Railroad Commissioner, six years.....	11,000 00
One State Treasurer, two years.....	6,000 00
Three Congressmen, two years.....	30,000 00
Three Congressmen, four years.....	45,000 00
Total.....	\$121,000 00

Two judges on the Supreme court bench who were not elected either as Republicans or Populists, but who were selected and agreed on by both sides to make up a non-partisan judiciary ticket. The salaries of these two places should be divided equally between the Republicans and the Populists, amounting to \$25,000.00. Therefore, adding \$125,000.00 to the above we have \$150,000.00. The Republicans got:

One United States Senator, two years.....	\$10,000 00
One Chief Justice, eight years.....	20,000 00
One Associate Justice, eight years.....	20,000 00
Five Superior Court Judges, eight years.....	100,000 00
One Chief Justice, two years.....	5,000 00
Six Solicitors, four years.....	45,000 00
Three Congressmen, two years.....	30,000 00
Total.....	\$230,000 00

Now, let us add \$125,000.00, which is half of the salaries of the two judges referred to, and we have \$355,000.00. But even if we were to add the whole salaries of these two judges to the Populist account, still the Republican account would stand nearly \$100,000.00 ahead. Therefore, if the question of offices is to be considered, see how unjust and absurd it would be in co-operating again to give the Republicans both the United States Senator for six years, and the Governor of the State for four years, in addition to the above. No, the People's Party in the event of co-operation is entitled either to the Senator or to the Governor, and even if it got both the Republicans would still be over \$60,000.00 ahead on the division.

"NO MATTER WHICH OF THEM WINS."

There is one daily paper in Washington City that is opposed to the rule of monopolies and trusts. It is the Washington Times. It is owned and edited by an ex-Congressman, who was once a strong admirer of President Cleveland. He has seen so much corruption and subversivity to corporations at the Capital that he now says that no matter which one of the old parties get in power, the people will be betrayed. We clip the following editorial from the paper of March 14th:

"It is claimed that a fund of \$250,000 is being raised among manufacturers to place McKinley in nomination at the St. Louis convention, and that of the per presidential candidate of the connection of Ohio's favorite son with the framing of the tariff law that bears his name may be the means of his nomination and election through corporate influence, but the section of the country that is to be the scene of public or Democratic ticket would be brought about in the same way, and some other experience with the administration the problem of successfully counteracting the influence of corporations seems more difficult to solve than ever.

During the campaign of 1892 the Democratic party pledged itself to redeem the country from corporate influences. It claimed to be the party of the people, and if placed in power it promised to protect its supporters from oppressive prices and unjust legislation and financial conditions. No prominent Democrat was more active in denouncing "communism of self" and "the unlawful discrimination of capital" than the corner of stilled phrases and full weight platitudes who now occupies the White House. But when the President Cleveland was installed and given the reins of government, it was found that Congress was composed largely of corporation lawyers and that President Cleveland had surrounded himself with officials either connected with corporations as counsel or as active, influential members.

These same conditions will follow the election of this year, no matter which party succeeds and it is useless to waste further time depending on party promises to check the growth of corporate influences. Reform can only be accomplished by changing the system that governs the organization of corporations. Their power is so widely extended and their interests so intimately connected that through a judicious distribution of favors they not only control such nominations as they desire, regardless of party, but also are able to manipulate the officials elected. It is, then, practically impossible to combat such authority through the ordinary processes of politics, when it is so deeply and firmly seated.

When a way can be found to con-

vince Congressmen that it is wrong to accept of victory retainers, passes, or similar bribes to support corporation measures, or a President that can be induced to select his chief officials from men not identified, professionally or otherwise, with combines and trusts, we shall be able to depend on a party policy for a satisfactory government.

SENATOR FRITCHARD'S "PARALLEL VOTE."

Senator Fritchard says that his "course in the Senate has paralleled Senator Butler's on the great and vital question of financial reform." We must that Senator Fritchard will hold out faithful to the end, and that his course will continue to parallel Senator Butler's on this and other great questions of vital importance to the people. If he does, he will never vote for a goldbug for President.

Senators Fritchard and Butler both voted for the free coinage of silver, as did a majority of Senators; but even this majority vote could not give the people free coinage, because there is a goldbug in the White House. If a goldbug is elected next fall, it will be the same thing in the next session of Congress. Therefore Senator Fritchard, for free coinage, or for any other measure opposed to the monopolists, will never do one particle of good toward giving the people relief or good government as long as there is a goldbug in the President's chair. If he will work and vote to put in the White House an American patriot, who stands for the principles of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln, he will do more by that vote for his State and country than he will be able to do by every vote he could cast in the Senate for twenty years.

The goldbugs must be driven from the White House before Congress can ever do anything for the relief of the people. Let the fight be drawn square from ocean to ocean. Let the fight be one to the death. This is no time for temporizing or compromising. There is no middle ground for straddlers. There are but two sides to this question. Every man must take a stand squarely, with the people or against the people. When parties betray the people and sell out to the enemy, how can any man who is a patriot and a good citizen say that he ought to stay by that party and ask others to do so?

The first allegiance of every patriot is to country. The "party-bugs" and the straddlers are even more dangerous than the goldbugs. They serve as decoy ducks; they are doing exactly what the goldbugs want done. They are striving to keep the people divided into two goldbug camps. This is the sure way to keep the gold men in power and to keep the people poor. Let the people not be deceived.

NO MORE TARIFF TAXES, TILL THE PEOPLE GET MORE MONEY.

The People's Party Senators have taken the position that they will oppose every further tariff taxes till some measure is passed to break down the gold trust and to give the people more money. They will not vote to increase the burden of taxes, till something is done to increase the ability of the people to pay taxes.

Therefore when Senator Morrill moved, a few days ago, to take up the tariff bill, the People's Party Senators solidly opposed the motion unless a free coinage bill was passed at the same time.

Five Republican Senators, who are determined to check the ruinous policy of the gold trust, took the same position. They are Senators Teller, of Colorado; Mantle, of Montana; Dubois, of Idaho; Cannon, of Utah, and Carter, of Montana.

The goldbug Republicans at once attacked these free silver Republicans for being untrue to the party. Senator Teller and Senator Carter replied with force and spirit saying that they were true to the people and to the best interests of the country and that if the Republicans insisted on high protection and the gold standard that they could not elect the next President, but would be repudiated by the people of the South and the West.

These patriotic Western Senators are determined that the two old parties shall not continue their sham battles over the tariff, while both parties conspire to betray the people into the hands of the gold syndicate. We regret that some of the silver Republican did not see fit to take this noble and patriotic course, but hope that they will yet take the same stand on the side of the people.

A JOHN SHERMAN-GOLDBUG.

A few days since a newspaper reporter asked Senator John Sherman what the Ohio Republican platform on the money question meant. He replied that it meant the gold standard. He was then asked if McKinley endorsed that platform. He said "McKinley stands on the money question just where I stand."

In addition to this McKinley is on record saying that he would not accept a nomination on a platform that declared for free silver. In short he is a John Sherman goldbug. Then how can a free silver man consistently or honestly support or vote for McKinley. No reform will ever come as long as a goldbug is in the White House.

A GOLDBUG STRADDLE.

The Charlotte Observer copies the financial plank of the Republican platform of Ohio and endorses it. That paper says that it is as good a straddle as the last national Democratic platform and seems to be satisfied that it should be interpreted by McKinley, if he should be elected, to mean just

what Cleveland has interpreted the Democratic platform to mean.

It is as follows:
"We contend for honest money, for a currency of gold, silver, and paper, with free measure on exchanges, that shall be as sound as the government and as unimpaired as its honor; and to that end we favor bi-metallic and demand use of both gold and silver as standard money, either in accordance with a ratio to be fixed by an international agreement, if that can be obtained, or under such restrictions and such provisions to be determined by such legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parity of value of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt-paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold, or paper, shall be at all times equal."

WHO FURNISHES THE MONEY.

Senator Cullom charges that the McKinley managers have bought up Illinois with clean cash. He says:
The McKinley forces are organized all over my State. They have their agents tramping round, organizing McKinley clubs and doing anything in their power to make the State "solid" for McKinley. There has been a large amount of money spent in Illinois by McKinley workers and it is not easy to break up the schemes which have been set on foot for this purpose.

WHO IS FURNISHING THIS VAST AMOUNT OF MONEY AND HOW DO THEY EXPECT TO GET IT?

McKinley is bankrupt and a pauper, living on the contributions of his friends.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

If the People's Party cannot carry the State this year, when circumstances and provisions have made the principles of our party the overshadowing issues and made it impossible for the politicians in the two old parties to longer dodge, sidetrack or straddle these great questions, when can we ever carry the State on these issues? It is admitted on all sides that there is a large percent of the people of North Carolina opposed to goldbugs and monopolists as there is in any other State in the Union. North Carolina cannot be carried against the goldbugs and monopolists, then no State in the Union can be carried by the people for good government. It is known to everybody that both of the old parties will again this year nominate goldbugs upon straddling platforms. How can the people have a chance to vote against these traitors and British Tories unless there is some party that will have the manhood and the patriotism to draw the issue square against the enemies of the people? If the People's Party cannot carry North Carolina this year, then the people of North Carolina are for the gold standard. Let the People's Party draw the issue square, and give every citizen in the State a chance to vote on one side or the other.

If there has been a general understanding, that we would co-operate, there has been no understanding that the Republicans could name the terms of co-operation without consulting the People's Party. Certain Republican leaders have laid down their terms without consulting or respecting the wishes of the People's Party. They are charging that every body is opposed to co-operation who will not agree to their terms. The People's Party is not made up of the kind of men to submit to a thing like this. Even the colored men in the Republican party would not stand such dictation from their white Republican leaders. The People's Party is in for co-operation, but it is opposed to the terms named by the Republican leaders. The terms of co-operation must be as fair and honorable to both sides. We favor co-operation for principle, and on a line of practical policy. It is in a last campaign. When the People's party is consulted, it will agree to any fair terms of co-operation that means a fight against goldbugs and monopolists.

When a man's party calls upon him to do what is against the interest of the people, that which threatens to endanger the liberty and prosperity of the American people, then he should have the manhood and patriotism to rise above party dictates—he should put country above party. This is what every man in the People's Party has already done, and there are millions to follow. The majority of those still in the old parties are patriots and want the good government; and we expect to see them put country above party in the coming campaign. The impending fight between the people and the gold conspiracy will put our man's patriotism to the supreme test. Let the Sons of Freedom unite in a common struggle against British tyranny and oppression. He who is not with us is against us.

And now the goldbugs—both Ieps and Demos—have begun to say that silver doesn't amount to much in this country and is not worth fussing over. A man named Holman writing to the Raleigh Times says that he has been in this country four times more business last year than the silver miners; that the value of goods was four times as great as it was in 1891. Then he says, "Greensboro, says so too. Then there is thunder in that great silver flood coming down the river that makes these goldbugs make such a desperate fight against this "insignificant" silver question? Say, you are not a fool, are you?"

In speaking of "General Prosperity," Bradstreet says: "One of the most important features of the present movement in mercantile collections. But as usual Bradstreet says nothing about the causes of this lack of improvement. He says: 'Some failures in mercantile collections have occurred, which have caused much apprehension and unwillingness to lend among bankers.' This is a good reason for the lack of improvement. It is a good reason for the great (?) commercial journals give some cause for this condition of things.

Senator Butler writes the agent of the Southern Associated Press at Raleigh the price at which he and his kindred are to be sold. It is too high. It is to be hoped that the Democratic party will not bid—Charlotte Observer.

We have no idea that the Democratic party will bid if it has to offer principle and honesty as pay; because in the value of the silver certificate, bankruptcy, and nothing else will be considered as a purchase price.

The people will probably see some more spanking, brand new silver dollars in the coming campaign, and some more brand new Democratic stump speakers will probably be foolish enough to show them and try to make the people believe that free coinage of silver is going on. Some of the bullion now in the treasury is being coined for that purpose. But let it be the circulation for silver certificates, have already been issued against this bullion, and are now in circulation.

The Democrats seem to be bothered as to what their idea or platform on the financial question is. Some are declaring that free silver coinage is a cardinal Democratic principle. Others are declaring that it is not and never has been. And they don't seem to be able to settle the question. It is becoming more and more difficult to understand what a "Democrat" is.

Monte Carlo is the greatest gambling place on earth. Jas. Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, is there with his steam yacht. The Prince of Wales is there and is the guest of Bennett. Gambling measure—English goldbug goldbug paper—English goldbug prince—a most beautiful, a most pathetic—a most significant combination!

Chairman Holton says that he and other Republican leaders will offer places to the Populists and by this means get half of them to vote for a Republican goldbug for President. We challenge Chairman Holton to find a single Populist in the State who will accept his proposition.

We don't believe in the honesty of any man who says he is a Populist and then says he is willing to vote for a goldbug. He may be honest but we do not want to be mixed up with any such honesty as that. A man may be a good fellow in his way, but it might be a very proper thing to damn his way.

Can't legislate money into people's pockets? Well, if the people would take the pains to read the Congressional Record these days, they would see that there are some people into whose pockets money is legislated. It is those who pocket money who are the old party, "vote her straight" fool that is left out without knowing it.

With three-fourths of the Republican party opposed to the single gold standard, and with every member of the People's Party opposed to the same, why should we co-operate to help and vote for goldbugs? The people want to vote against goldbugs, and they must have a chance to do it.

We think the people will make a big mistake to put an abiding faith in the financial reform professions of the Democratic newspapers in this State. If the national Democratic convention should nominate the devil and adopt a gold standard platform, these papers will support both.

Will the Republicans co-operate against the goldbugs, or will they turn their backs upon co-operation and support a goldbug? That is the question.

The money question is the simplest in economics—except when it is distorted into a scheme for favoring banks and plutocrats.

The People's Party is ready to co-operate against goldbugs and monopolists; but not with goldbugs to elect goldbugs.

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STILL MORE STRADDLING.

Nothing of Reform in Old Party Candidates' Platforms.

The Texas Republican State convention met last week. It was nothing but a disgraceful, disgusting mob of hirelings. A negro named Cuney was elected permanent chairman. There was a great row as to who should be endorsed for President. The hirelings who were bought up by Allison and Reed controlled the convention in point of numbers, and elected delegates favoring those two candidates. The McKinleyites were snored under, but they then had a convention of their own and elected a McKinley delegation. A ridiculous "straddle" was adopted for the financial plank. During the row a burly negro struck at the colored chairman's head. As he struck he found himself confronted by a big revolver in the hands of another negro. In an instant the negroes swayed to and fro for twenty minutes before an armed force of policemen could quell the riot.

The New York Republican State convention met last week. It is the first Republican convention up to this time that has not "straddled" the financial question, but it did very little better, for it declared out and out for the single gold standard. The convention endorsed Morton, for President, and instructed the 72 delegates from New York to vote for his nomination.

The Minnesota Republicans met in convention. Senator Davis of that State, who was spoken of as a candidate for the Presidential nomination withdrew his name, and then McKinley was endorsed with a hurrah and a whoop. The usual "straddle" on the financial issue was adopted as a platform.

The Republicans of South Dakota held their State convention last week. They made Senator Pettigrew from that State "take water." He has been taking free silver, and he was the only Republican who passed a resolution requiring all candidates who wanted to go to the national convention as delegates to declare their position. Senator Pettigrew wanted to be a delegate, and he acted the coward. He also took the respect of the convention at once. The Senator stood in the centre of the convention hall when called upon to state his position, and declared that he would bow to the will of the majority, that while he had followed a course which the future seemed to justify, he was willing to go to St. Louis and comply with the wishes of the State convention by voting for McKinley and sound money.

Directly after the adjournment of the convention seven of the delegates held a caucus, at which they resolved that they would not permit Senator Pettigrew to go as chairman, neither would they permit him to be upon any committee at the national convention.

The convention endorsed McKinley for President and adopted the usual "straddle" for a platform.

The Massachusetts Republican State convention met last Friday. It did one good thing—that was to express sympathy for Cuba in her struggle for freedom. A single gold standard platform was adopted, and T. B. Reed, of Maine, was endorsed for President with wild enthusiasm.

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Pierre Opinions in El Epoca Not Official Views—Wartime Articles Rejected—The Spanish government has officially disclaimed responsibility for the fiery views expressed in the columns of the Madrid newspaper El Epoca. The article which has called for the disclaimer was one demanding in effect that the United States cease talking about the Cuban insurrection or else declare war at once upon Spain. It challenged the United States to doff its mask and display its true colors. If they want war the Epoca said, Spain is ready to face it with becoming dignity. Otherwise, it advised the American politicians to desist from their vexatious debates and cover their hostility.



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STILL MORE STRADDLING.

Nothing of Reform in Old Party Candidates' Platforms.

The Texas Republican State convention met last week. It was nothing but a disgraceful, disgusting mob of hirelings. A negro named Cuney was elected permanent chairman. There was a great row as to who should be endorsed for President. The hirelings who were bought up by Allison and Reed controlled the convention in point of numbers, and elected delegates favoring those two candidates. The McKinleyites were snored under, but they then had a convention of their own and elected a McKinley delegation. A ridiculous "straddle" was adopted for the financial plank. During the row a burly negro struck at the colored chairman's head. As he struck he found himself confronted by a big revolver in the hands of another negro. In an instant the negroes swayed to and fro for twenty minutes before an armed force of policemen could quell the riot.

The New York Republican State convention met last week

Letters from the People

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King Grover, where are you at? What part of this country is Babylon? Is it the wheat and sugar and the meat trust, oil trust, sugar trust, railroad trust, money trust, ship trust. They are grinding the face of the poor.

Read verse 13 of Revelations, 18th chapter where it says: "Come, ye and see the plagues of the slaves and the souls of men. Dear reader who are these slaves. They are you and I. She can compel us to pay any price she pleases for the necessities of life, and that is why she can make us work at starvation prices. Do not fail to read Revelation, 18th chapter, You and I are soldiers. Which side are you on? God says in the 4th verse, "Come out of her, ye who are not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Oh! ye Americans where is your manhood? If you have been voting to her interest take warning and come over on the side of suffering humanity, and meet us at the polls this fall, and we will battle against her as hard as you can hear her walls shake all over this nation."

Did you ask it? If not, you will partake of her sins. This country has been ruled by money for the interest of the classes and not for the masses by the old parties. In other words they have been working in the interest of Babylon. Now the cries of the poor and distressed have gone up to God all over this country, and every man who has any sympathy for the millions of the poor and suffering, will vote in their interest. The time has come when the simple shall confound the wise, for the money gamblers think they are the wisest of the old time. To take him and the protection which his candidacy means would be to place the party in a hazardous position. What the country needs most of all is a sound, simple, honest, and patriotic tariff which shall prove sufficient to run the government. I am not in favor of a tariff that will make one section of the country prosperous, at the detriment of the other sections. The McKinley tariff is a great deal to build up monopolies."

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"And so the experienced woman wears her expensive clothes for other women and produces her 'effects' for men. She wears scarlet on a cold or raw day, and the eyes of the men light up when they see her. It makes her look cheek and bright and warm. She wears gray when she wants to look demure. Let her beware of a woman in silvery gray. She looks so quiet and demure and gentle that she has disarmed him before she has spoken one word, and let her turn his mind and his pocket wrong side out. A woman couldn't look delectable in light gray if she tried. He does upon the girl in pale blue. Pale blue naturally suggests to his mind the softest girl who can wear it, which is generally a blonde with soft, fluffy hair, fair skin and blue eyes—appearing, 'tasteful, baby-blue eyes.'"

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They're Coming Into Line.

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bound by every recollection and tradition of our lives to stand with the people in the final struggle. I am filled with alarm feelings when I contemplate the consequences that are bound up in the battle that sooner or later must be fought to the utter destruction of one of the contending parties. It is as true to-day as when Daniel Webster said it, that no government can long endure, the tendency of whose laws is to concentrate the wealth in the hands of the few and leave the masses of the people poor and dependent.

I have already written more than I intended by way of answer to you; but as soon as you can get away come up."

And then we have from the Penny Press a remarkable statement of the view of ex-Governor Pillsbury on the tariff.

Both John S. and Charles A. Pillsbury have expressed themselves as being opposed to instructing delegates to draw the issue squarely and vote for anybody. Chas. A. Pillsbury has expressed himself mildly for Davis but is thought to be for Reed as second choice. John S. Pillsbury declared himself unreservedly against the McKinley tariff, and that Reed, Allison or Morton would do. Regarding McKinley he said:

"I am decidedly of the opinion that Maj. McKinley is not the man of the hour. He is a very and man who has no real ability, of remarkably agreeable personality. But the Republican party cannot, in my judgment, afford to nominate him. It was McKinley's high program that they are the wisest of the old time. To take him and the protection which his candidacy means would be to place the party in a hazardous position. What the country needs most of all is a sound, simple, honest, and patriotic tariff which shall prove sufficient to run the government. I am not in favor of a tariff that will make one section of the country prosperous, at the detriment of the other sections. The McKinley tariff is a great deal to build up monopolies."

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Strong Letter From Fountain.

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see an industrious and wealth-producing people reduced to poverty, while the abundance and wealth created goes into the hands of a few. The people favor such a co-operation as will

so that honest, remedial legislation may be secured, and this is the only way to secure it. The people will not stand any more deception or ledgerdom in this State. The masses of our party are in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, which is one of the declared principles of the People's Party. The people would have gotten this reform before now through one of the old parties if their leaders

HAD STOOD BY PRINCIPLE and the people. Now shall the People's Party sacrifice this principle also for policy and for office? The majority of the people will vote right if some party will have the courage to draw the issue squarely and vote for anybody. This year the people will not compromise financial reform for the sake of advancing the interests of any individual or set of men. I believe that the voters of this State appreciate the position taken by Senator Butler in this fight. He has proven himself a wise and safe leader, courageous and trustworthy. The people are determined to assess their money. Their welfare and happiness are involved in the financial question, and

THEY WILL GET TOGETHER despite the efforts of some to keep them divided under different banners. We have reached such a condition of affairs that it would be the highest duty of every good citizen to be deeply interested in the affairs of this government, and to have the courage and patriotism to put country above party. I appeal most earnestly to the business men of this country to study these conditions and the causes underlying them. It is their duty, honestly, intelligently and patriotically to cast their ballots so that relief may come, and their business interests may advance and prosper with the

PROSPERITY OF THE FARMERS and every productive industry around them. In the past, we have, through prejudice and passion, supported a party when its principles and measures were antagonistic to our interests and the welfare of the country. Let us do this no longer, and let us have the common sense as well as the patriotism to vote for our interests.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, permit me to say that if we cooperate in the coming campaign that it should be on principles, and the great and fundamental principle of financial reform. Nothing but

TRUE AND TRUSTED REFORMERS should be placed in the lead. Our government must be restored to the principles of its founders, and upon these lines and with these conditions we would invite and welcome the cooperation of every man and woman who is better not to co-operate with any party as a party, but to raise the banner of the People's Party aloft, and call upon patriots everywhere to come and co-operate with us under that banner.

I trust, Mr. Editor, that you will pardon me for the length of this communication; and though a new member of the People's Party, one who joins it believing that it is the only party that will co-operate with us under that banner.

to reform the abuses of the two old parties, to redeem our government and to restore prosperity, I trust that my views as expressed above will not be wholly unwelcome. The People's Party cannot afford to sacrifice its fundamental principles. Such a course would not only mean the disintegration and dissolution of the party, but it would rob the people of the chance to draw the issue squarely in the coming campaign against the common enemy, and rob them of a chance to vote their honest sentiments.

Yours truly,

W. E. FOUNTAIN.

GOLDBUG MCKINLEY.

Says the People are Not Prepared to Indulge in the Coinage "Speculation."

R. M. Yost, a reporter of the St. Louis Chronicle was sent to Ohio to interview McKinley, and over his own signature, telegraphs the result: Ex-Gov. William McKinley was apparently well satisfied with the National Republican situation today, when he kindly granted me an audience.

When I told the Governor that I had come hundreds of miles to interview him on the political situation he smiled and said:

"I have declared," he answered, "that I would not be interviewed, and I will keep my word, but I may say that I have discussed that question of currency and coinage in Congress and the record is plain."

"Gen. Stevenson once said the people were willing to chance free and unlimited silver, and I responded that the people were not prepared to indulge in any such speculation."

"You will find that in the records of Congress."

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Democracy Vs. Free Silver.

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and never can be more than a sentiment, while Republicanism in the West is nothing but a tradition. Twenty years of experience has established beyond controversy that the policy of the Northwest is antagonistic to the interest of the South and West. It makes the platforms under the supposed necessity of securing the vote of the gold standard States of New York. Such supposed necessity and the power of patronage and money precludes the possibility of obtaining free coinage through the Democratic party.

Both old parties for that matter are united in telling the people they have no power to inaugurate an independent financial policy for the United States without the consent of the gold combination in which England is supreme.

T. E. McCASKEY.

McKinley Is a Goldbug.

St. Louis Daily Chronicle.

William McKinley of Ohio is a goldbug. This was brought out in the talk he gave a Chronicle reporter who was sent 600 miles to interview him.

McKinley insisted on having the Congressional Record, in which is set down all the words spoken in Congress, tell his views. One passage in this record tells where McKinley stands.

He may talk about the equal dollar, the same for the rich as for the poor, of the gold dollar and the silver dollar of the same inherent value everywhere, but this passage tells where he stands:

"The passage is a colloquy between himself and Gen. Stevenson. 'The people are ready to chance free and unlimited silver,' said Stevenson.

"The people are not prepared to indulge in any such speculation," answered McKinley.

That is plain. No free and unlimited coinage of silver need be ordered for McKinley of Ohio.

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